



Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Newsletter

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Predictions for 2017

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Those who are old enough to remember Jeane Dixon, can recall the predictions she used to make each coming new year. For those who are not old enough to know who she was – after all she died in 1997, a death which she failed to predict – Jeane Dixon was a well-known psychic who is given credit for predicting the death of John F. Kennedy, the split of India and Pakistan in 1947, and the launching of Sputnik. The fact is she made hundreds, if not thousands of predictions, so do not think she was some kind of soothsayer - dig enough holes, eventually you will find some gold.

In keeping with the tradition of Jeane Dixon, I decided to stare into my crystal ball and make ten predictions for 2017. Bear with me, this is my first attempt at prognostication. Since I do not have a crystal ball, I will be staring into the bottom of my Shoshin Ryu beer mug.

“Oh, Beer Mug, help me see the future for Shoshin Ryu in 2017...”

* Professor Rory Rebmann will retire from judo coaching only to be drawn back in by the United States Olympic Committee to head the national team for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

* During the Kodenkan Yudanshakai 50th Anniversary celebration June 9 - 11, the Shoshin Ryu contingent will participate with clear heads, and have a great time in Tucson, Arizona.

* The New England Patriots will win Super Bowl 51 over the Seattle Seahawks. The game's pivotal play will be when Tom Brady throws an interception to Richard Sherman, then in a moment of competitive zealotry Brady will remember he is a football player and make the game saving tackle by executing a near perfect MOROTE GARI on Sherman.

* Professor Len Riley will end up in a fist fight with Bill Gates over who picks up the check for their breakfast at Denny's. Gates wants to buy the restaurant; Riley just wants a Grand Slam and coffee.

* John Cena will visit a Shoshin Ryu dojo.

* Myron Dixon, no relation to Jeane Dixon, will thwart a bank robbery by using his patented “Koala Stare” and “Baby Hug” techniques.

* A Shoshin Ryu member will keep a driverless car from hitting an old woman by doing a judo roll in its path and directing the car in another direction.

* Vice-President Mike Pence will not impact Shoshin Ryu in any way.

* The book *The History of Shoshin Ryu, Vol. 1* will be made into a major motion picture. The Author will make millions of dollars, try to buy a Denny's, and, consequently, have a heated argument at breakfast with Professor Len Riley who only wanted a Grand Slam and coffee.

* Martians will attack the world. The Martians, which have hands the size of tennis rackets, will be easily defeated by using KOTE GAESHI. Shoshin Ryu members will be hailed as the saviors of the human race.

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Yudansha Notes



*Professor Jim Lambert.
Get well soon. We need
you back on the mat.*

Kodenkan Yudanshakai turns 50

On June 9, 10, 11, 2017, Kodenkan Yudanshakai will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Among the events for the weekend are clinics, and a formal banquet.

We are encouraging every Shoshin Ryu member to be a part of this once in a lifetime event and support our friends in Tucson.

See you there.

Sad News

The longer the ma-

mor jujitsu associations are around, the older everyone gets.

It is with sorrow that I tell of the passings of Professor Betty Malette of the AJJF and Betty Fisher, the wife of AJJF Professor Lamar Fisher.

Membership Time 2017

In the past year, the Shoshin Ryu membership process has been having a few issues. Well, we're working on it.

We are making an attempt to completely automate the service so that once someone registers, they get nearly immediate feedback about their membership.

Take into account that taking care of memberships is a daunting task. Shoshin Ryu has a

lot of members. Keeping track of all those memberships is time consuming.

To that end, we are going to implement a new membership policy, which in reality is just going back to the old policy.

We will be returning to the policy that all memberships will start on January 1 of each year and end on December 31 of that year.

The reason for the policy change was the unwieldy nature of trying to

keep track of every membership, each starting at a different day, and getting information out to each member in a timely fashion.

We hope this return to the old policy will help everyone keep track of their Shoshin Ryu membership.

Finally, a reminder that membership has its privileges. For example, Shoshin Ryu events are often free to members.

Take into account that awards and medals for banquets and competitions are paid for with membership money.

Your membership also provides you with secondary insurance in the event of an accident or injury in the dojo.

The time to sign up for your Shoshin Ryu membership is now. 2017 is upon us, so get those memberships turned in.

Words of Wisdom

"When you do not know what you are doing and what you are doing is the best -- that is inspiration."-- *Robert Bresson*

"Problems are only opportunities in work clothes." - *Henry J. Kaiser*

"I believe that it is better to tell the truth than a lie. I believe it is better to be free than to be a slave. And I believe it is better to know than to be ignorant." - *H. L. Mencken*





Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai

Membership form

Please check one: _____ New member _____ Renewal Date _____

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birthdate _____ Sex: M / F Phone(s) _____

e-mail address _____ Dojo affiliation _____

Instructor _____ Your current rank _____

Dues/ fees: \$25.00 per year for children, \$30.00 per year for adult kyu ranks, and \$40.00 for dan ranks. Membership dues include mandatory liability and supplemental medical insurance. Membership is for the current calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parental consent if under 18 years _____

Mail to: **SRY Membership**
13033 Glasgow Place
Hawthorne, CA 90250

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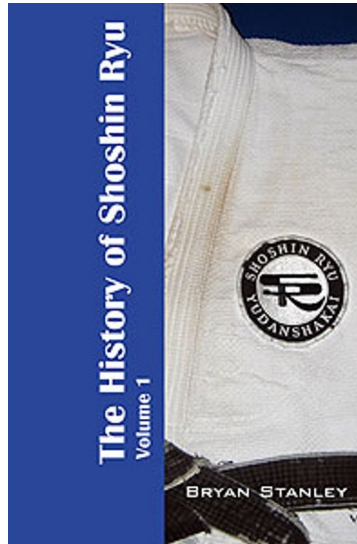
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The History of Shoshin Ryu, Vol. I

The History of Shoshin Ryu is now available on Amazon.com and on the OutskirtsPress websites. It took nine months to write and was produced through countless interviews with Professors Mike Chubb, Bill Fischer, Len Riley, Jon Jacques, Kevin Dalrymple, Steve McMillan, Roger Medlen, and a host of others. For some it will be a trip down memory lane, for others it will be an essential part of understanding the roots of Shoshin Ryu.

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See what Professor George Arrington has to offer!

A photographic look at the past



Sumo contests are fun for kids, they are also fun for adults. This photo from April 14, 2012, shows just how easy it is to win a sumo match. Just pick your opponent up off the mat.

You will notice the laser like vision of Professor Carlos Gallegos, facing the camera, looking for any opportunity to end the match.

Professor Okazaki was said to be a huge fan of Sumo, so it is part of our competitive heritage.

The next time a sumo contest comes up, be a part. You will have a blast. Also, with your Shoshin Ryu Membership, it will probably be free.